O-G teams 5th at Invitational

The Owen-Gage boys' track team came in fifth among the 6 teams in the Harbor Beach Invitational, but it wasn't the fault of Mickey Parks. The Bulldog speedster won the long jump, finished third in the 100-meter and helped win points with the relay teams, accounting for over half of the Bulldogs' 30 points.

The meet was strictly a Deckerville exhibition as the Eagles won with 202 1/2 points. A distant second was Carsonville-Port Sanilac with 103 1/2 points. Other teams finished in the following order: Peck, 80; Harbor Beach, 68; Owen-Gage, 30, and Caseville, 14.

GIRL'S RESULTS

The Bulldogs duplicated their 30-point results in the girls' competition, but Harbor Beach replaced Deckerville in the winner's circle. The Pirates scored 163 points to finish second. Other results were: C-PS, 111; Peck, 40; Owen-Gage, 30, and Caseville, 0.

Best effort by a Bulldog was a second place finish by Renee Murawski in the 100-meter dash.

On the farm

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Most farms have undertaken the process of developing a good on-farm record keeping system.

Today, farms need to keep not only good financial accounts, but also reliable pesticide use information. Simple record sheets are often available at local agri-businesses and at cooperative extension service offices.

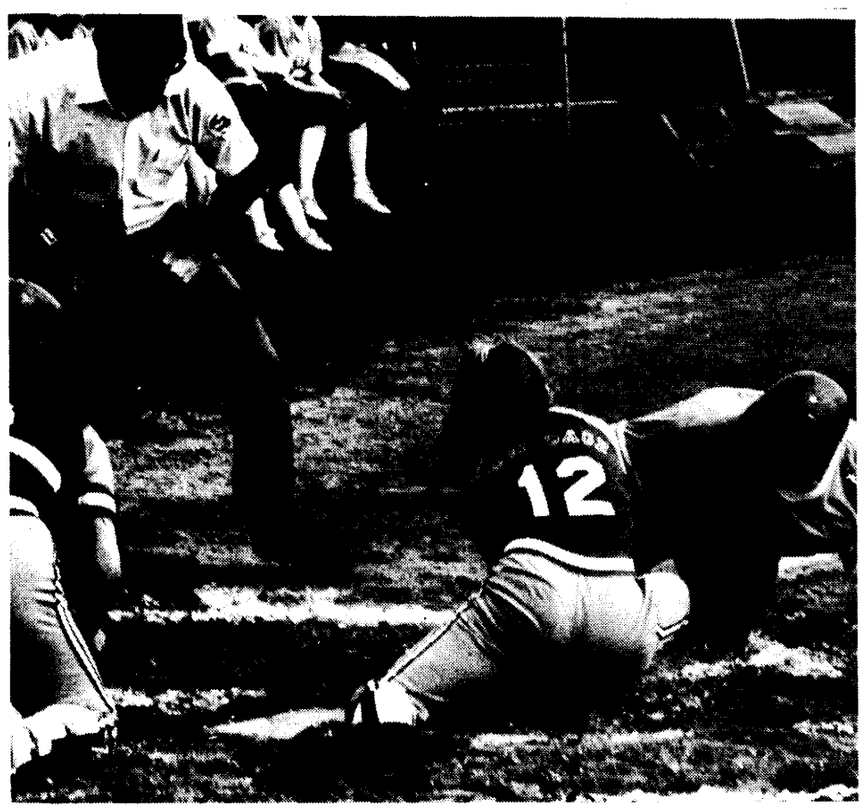
With increased public concern over pesticide use, a good set of records is a farm's best justification.

Don't forget to clean out your sprayers to insure that last year's chemicals do not hurt this year's crop. Calibration, each season and from time to time during the planting season, is very important to keep chemical application on target and working properly.

The Growing Degree Day, so far this year, has been 6 to 10 days ahead of historic averages. This means that even with wet conditions, the temperatures are ahead of normal. Most farms should be ready to roll when field conditions improve with some drying.

Farms need to take advantage of this delay in getting planting season started by getting all equipment ready, which means fewer breakdowns later.

Safety is another important consideration. Good pre-season planning should include making sure all shields, guards and devices are in place and functioning properly.



OWEN-GAGE PITCHER VICKI RICKER tags out Deckerville's Tracey Morten in the first inning of Thursday's NCTL contest. The Bulldogs, however, suffered a 4-1 defeat.

Dairy production up slightly in March

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 453 million pounds of milk during March, one percent more than a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statists Service.

Milk production rates averaged 1,320 pounds per cow, increasing 20 pounds. The Michigan dairy herd was estimated at 343,000 head, 1,000 fewer than last March.

The preliminary value of milk sold averaged $11.80 per hundredweight (cwt.) in March, $2.60 less than last year. March mid-month slaughter cow prices averaged $51.50 per cwt., 50 cents less than the previous year and 70 cents more than last month.

Milk in the 21 selected states totaled 11.1 billion pounds, one percent above production in these same states in March 1990. Production per cow averaged 1,315 pounds for March, 23 pounds more than March 1990. The number of cows on farms was 8.47 million head in March, 22,000 less than February 1991 and 35,000 less than March 1990.

Dairy manufacturing plants in Michigan produced 1.65 million pounds of butter in February, 22 percent more than a year ago. American cheese production, 1.96 million pounds, increased 75 percent over the previous year. Ice cream output totaled 1.55 million gallons, 20 percent less than last February.

MEMBERS OF Cass City Daisy Troop 221 celebrated Earth Day, April 22, by planting trees and doing a clean-up project in the Cass City Village Park. Pictured above are (left to right) Heidi Cheng, Rebecca Roth, Lia Krantz, Dara Iwankovitsch, Tiffany Spencer and Gail Dyer.

Chemical offers special loans

The 10 Chemical Bank affiliates of Chemical Financial Corporation will offer businesses in every community where the Chemical organization has offices 7 percent interest rates on loans to finance exterior improvements and maintenance of their buildings.

Under the "Project Pride" program announced last week, the banks will lend a business up to $5,000 amortized over 36 months at only 7 percent annual interest.

Alan W. Ott, president and chief executive officer of Chemical Financial Corporation and chairman and chief executive officer of its lead bank, Chemical Bank and Trust, announced the project.

"From time to time, our banks are asked by local chambers of commerce and merchants associations to participate in this type of financing program," he said.

"Typically, the programs are designed to help members spruce up their places of business and make their commercial districts more attractive places to shop and work. It has been our general policy to agree to such requests because we want to support the communities where we do business in every way that we can.

"This year, however, we have decided that we will offer $5 million of these 7 percent loans all over the 19 Mid-Michigan counties where we operate instead of just participating in scattered local programs as we have in the past," Ott continued. "We want our friends and customers in every one of the cities and towns where we have branches to do well. We think that this special loan program is a good way to help them do that."

The 7 percent loans may be used to finance projects such as painting, store front remodeling, new signs, installation of awnings and the like. If a business owner desires to finance exterior remodeling and improvement work that will cost more than $5,000, the balance of the money needed will be made available at regular interest rates on the banks' normal terms and conditions.

O-G softball team tops Kingston and bows to Deckerville

Coach Judy Campbell's Owen-Gage softball team opened its NCTL schedule in splendid form last Monday, sweeping a twin bill from visiting Kingston, but were on the other end of the broom Thursday as league favorite Deckerville handed the Bulldogs their first 2 NCTL defeats.

In the Bulldogs' home opener, Carli Salcido held the Cardinals to 3 runs on just 5 hits to earn the sophomore her first career NCTL win, 6-3. Jill Zyrowski was handed the loss for the visitors.

The hosts got all the runs they would need in their first at bats when they sent 10 batters to the plate and scored 4 times. Owen-Gage also added one insurance run in both the 4th and 5th frames.

Lori Ondrajka, who drove in the 'Dogs' final tally with a 2-out double, was the only Bulldog player to register more than one hit, as she also lashed out a single during the hosts' 4-run outburst.

In the nightcap, senior Vicki Ricker blanked the Cardinals on 3 hits, while her teammates exploded for 10 runs in a 5-inning mercy ruling game. Ricker recorded a personal best 8 strikeouts in the victory.

Ricker also helped her own cause at the plate, where she tagged RBI singles in both the 2nd and 3rd innings, where the winners crossed home 8 times.

In Thursday's games Owen-Gage bats turned cold as they were held to 4 hits and one run in the opener, a 4-1 setback, and 5 hits and 6 runs in the nightcap, a 9-6 loss.

Ricker went the distance for the hosts in the opener, as did sophomore Michelle Tkacz in the late game, and were handed the losses.

The 'Dogs' only run was accounted for by Aimee Merchant, who rode home on a Lori Radabaugh single in the 5th stanza, where the visitors enjoyed a 4-0 lead.

It would be too little, too late for Bulldogs.

Campbell praised her team's effort in the late game, where they battled back to tie the contest at 6-all before Deckerville scored 3 runs in their final at bats to post a 9-6 win.

The 'Dogs' next game is slated for Thursday at Akron.

Bulldogs split double bills

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs split opening doubleheaders in the North Central League last week with Kingston and Deckerville.

In the league opener Monday, April 22, the Bulldogs bowed to Kingston, 10-7. The Cardinals broke open a very close game with a big 5-run rally in the fourth when Bob Haldane lost control, walking 5 and giving up just one hit. The rally broke a 3-all tie. In the game Haldane gave up 4 hits and walked 10. J. Fricke was the winner.

Haldane picked up 2 hits in 4 tries for the Bulldogs, while no Cardinal gathered more than a single safety.

It looked as if Owen-Gage would be starting the season with a pair of losses as Kingston opened with a 4-run first inning off the slants of Mike Kady in the nightcap.

That all changed in the second inning, when the Bulldogs sent 11 men to the plate and scored 7 times on 3 hits on the way to a close 10-9 victory.

The Bulldogs needed every one of those runs as the Cards pecked away at the 7-4 lead with a pair of counters in the second and third innings.

The Bulldogs scored what proved to be the decisive runs in the fourth on 2 walks and a hit by Greg Smith.

Kingston threatened in the last inning, scoring a run and placing the tying run on base with one out. Kady turned on the heat to fan the last 2 batters and preserve the victory.

DECKERVILLE GAMES

The Bulldogs dropped the opening game Thursday with Deckerville and the game can be summed up in a sentence: Outstanding pitching by the Eagles' Lenny Day. Deckerville won, 8-0, as Day pitched a 5-hitter. The Eagles scored more than enough to win in the first inning, crossing the plate 5 times to saddle Haldane with the loss.

Day had little trouble with Bulldog stickers with the exception of Greg Smith, for whom he was no puzzle at all as he banged out 3 hits in as many tries. Day struck out 9 and walked 2.

Owen-Gage evened its record for the season with a victory in the nightcap, 5-3, behind the 3-hit pitching of Kady. John Karges was nearly as effective for Deckerville as he tossed a 2-hitter.

Owen-Gage was forced to come from behind to win. After edging out in front with a run in the second, the Bulldogs fell behind as the Eagles scored their only 3 runs of the game. Two hits, an error and a hit batter turned the trick.

The Bulldogs tied the score in the third, scoring twice after 2 were out as Kady walked, Haldane cracked a double and the shortstop made an error on a ball hit by Smith.

The score remained tied until the fifth, when the Bulldogs scored twice without benefit of a hit as Deckerville committed 3 errors.

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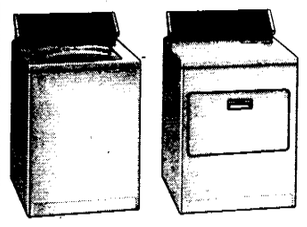

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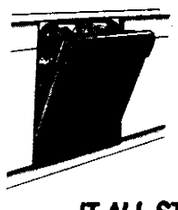

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